

## Grant money will target safety for area campus

Jefferson College of Health Sciences (JCHS) has been awarded a federal grant totaling \$235,201 from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The federal money will fund a three-year initiative of training, programming, and physical improvements on campus. Grant money will also cover speakers and other educational programming that will be open to the Roanoke community over the coming years.

JCHS partnered with five programs and agencies in the Roanoke community to apply for the grant. These partner agencies were the Roanoke City Police Department, the Carilion Clinic Police and Security Department, Project Horizon, the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and the Sexual Assault Response and Awareness Program, a part of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance.

JCHS President Dr. Carol Seavor notes that women typically make up 80 to 85 percent of the college's student population and this award is very much appreciated and timely.

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